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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: RELOCATION OF UKRAINE TO THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 (c) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43/232

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/851.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 51st and 55th meetings, on 29 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.51 and 55).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At the 51st meeting, on 29 March, the representatives of Greece and Ukraine introduced a draft resolution entitled "Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" (A/C.5/50/L.32).

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4. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Rapporteur of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" (A/C.5/50/L.41).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.41 without a vote (see para. 6). Subsequently, draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.32 and draft decision A/C.5/50/L.9 (see A/50/851, para. 3) were withdrawn by their sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and its subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of the existing groups for the apportionment of the expenses of peace-keeping operations, the latest of which are resolution 49/249 A of 20 July 1995 and resolution 49/249 B of 14 September 1995,

Having considered the request of Ukraine for reclassification from group B to group C,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece to reclassify Greece from group C to group B;

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement:

(a) To note the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece and to place Greece among the Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and, in accordance with that decision, to apportion its share of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions on the basis of the proportions determined by the scale of assessments in the following manner: 35 per cent beginning 1 July 1996, 55 per cent in 1997, 75 per cent in 1998, 95 per cent in 1999 and 100 per cent in 2000 and subsequent years;

(b) To begin the transition of Ukraine to the group of Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 on the understanding that the reduction in the United States dollar amounts to be assessed on Ukraine beginning 1 July 1996 shall be equal to the additional United States dollar amounts assessed on Greece in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) above, on the basis that this decision will be adjusted as appropriate to conform with any future relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly;

3. Stresses that paragraph 2 above does not result in any change in the assessments for financing peace-keeping operations of other Member States;

4. Takes note of the intention as stated by Ukraine on 29 March 1996 in the Fifth Committee concerning the settlement of its arrears; 1/

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232".

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